

Allotment of time on Doordarshan

6144. SHIRIRAM VILAS PASWAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether twenty-five hours were allotted for telecasting the programmes on Pt. Jawahar Lal Nehru during the Birth-Centenary in the National network programme whereas only seven hours were allotted for telecasting the programmes on Dr. Ambedkar during the Birth-Centenary of Dr. Ambedkar; and

(b) if so, the reasons for this discrimination?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARIGIRIJA VYAS): (a) and (b). No prior allotment of time is made for such programmes by Doordarshan. Moreover, numerical comparisons are inappropriate in such cases as no conclusion can be drawn about the stature of the personalities concerned by comparing the total duration of programmes telecast on them by Doordarshan.

[*English*]

Faulty Bills by DESU

6145. SHRI RAJNATH SONKAR SHASTRI:
DR VASANT PAWAR
SHRIPHOOLCHAND VERMA

Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is no respite in the raising of incorrect and wrong electricity bills by DESU;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the number of complaints received by the DESU in this regard during the last six months and the action taken thereon; and

(d) the steps taken to check the issue of wrong and irregular bills in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) to (d). Keeping in view the large number of electricity bills to be issued by DESU pertaining to about 17 lakh consumers, some cases of faulty billing arise due to human errors, mistakes in taking meter readings or in feeding the date into the computer. Complaints about discrepancies in the electricity bills have come down from 2.40% in September, 1991 to about 2.15% in Feb., 1992. The steps taken to check issue of wrong and irregular bills include strengthening of supervision on meter reading, replacement of defective meters, reconciliation of consumer's connection numbers, opening of centralised complaint cell at the computer centre and closer monitoring of billing work. Action is also taken for early rectification of the discrepancies in the bills on receipt of complaints from the consumers.

National Automobile Policy

6146. SHRI JEEWAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state

(a) whether production of buses and their design transportation of urban masses has not received adequate attention while formulating the National Automobile Policy;

(b) whether this has led to channelisation of resources mostly for the production of cars and two wheelers; and

(c) if so, the steps proposed to be taken